

3 June 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Records Management Division

FROM:

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Chief, Classification Review Division

SUBJECT: Computer Listings at NARS

1. NARS, in its effort to maintain control of the large volume of documents for which it is responsible, has turned to the computer to record its actions taken on certain documents. Two computer-printed listings which contain records of interest to CIA are the following:

- a. The annual listing of all classified documents over 20 years old which require continued protection on behalf of CIA;
- b. The listing by Project of documents identified during NARS' systematic classification review as requiring continued protection.

2. The computer system used by NARS is an unclassified system and the document listings produced to date have been unclassified. A sample page of one such listing is attached. A large majority of the documents attributed to CIA are intelligence reports which are automatically protected under the Director's letter of 16 October 1978. Items in the listings which should be considered in judging whether such listings are classified or at least require some protection, are the following:

- a. The document identification or serial number;
- b. Date of the document;
- c. The original and current classification status;
- d. Any special restrictive markings which appear on the document;
- e. The reason for withholding the document from release;
- f. The name of the foreign government whose information is involved, if any;

g. The description of the document; e.g., Intelligence Report (IR) #481, Spanish Falange Propaganda Bulletin; IR, Lebanon: Political Anti-British Feelings among the Shiah Moslem.

3. Security problems appear to arise from these listings, based on the fact that the listing:

- a. Identifies an Agency relationship with a foreign government;
- b. Confirms the existence of overseas Agency installations;
- c. Identifies State Department files which contain documents and information of interest to CIA;
- d. Gives the names of Agency personnel who are engaged in the correspondence;
- e. Indicates the nature of Agency reporting which tells something about the type and extent of Agency activity conducted abroad;
- f. Provides a cumulative effect, particularly from the sheer volume of material, which will become worse as we move into records for the more recent years. (NARS' Systematic Classification Review Program is only up to the early fifties as of today.)

4. We believe that this system presents a potential security problem and suggest that you may want to look into the matter and consult with NARS to determine if some method can be devised to protect the information stored in and produced from this system. Should you decide to do so, it would probably be useful for you first to talk with us, since we have had a brief discussion or two of the matter with the people at NARS and can provide some additional background.

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Attachment:

Sample NARS Computer Listing

Distribution:

- 1 - C/RMD, w/att.
- 1 - CRD (Liaison w/NARS), w/att.
- 1 - C/Ops, w/att.
- 1 - Chrono, w/o att.

REPORT OF COMPLETED DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROJECT 812010

Project type..... CIVL
Record group..... 59
Custodian..... NNFD
Inventory number.....
Entry or accession number..... 1940-44 Files
Box numbers included in this project.. Various
Description..... Records of the Department
of State, main and Confidential Files, 1940-44.
Re-review of NND 760201.

NND branch responsible..... NNDA
Team leader..... Duffy
Agency coordination pending.....

The Declassification Division has completed review of the following records and has declassified all but those in the attached listing. Declassification labels have been applied to all containers of records covered by this project. Prior to reproduction of declassified documents, all old classification markings should be cancelled and the declassification authority marked on the documents should be NND project number 812010.

Although declassified and no longer subject to restrictions imposed to safeguard national security information, these records may remain subject to other restrictions. This Branch did not review these records for information that may be restricted from public access for reasons other than security classification. Such review remains the responsibility of the custodial unit.



E. A. THOMPSON
Director, NND

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*Mike Pelgrim runs the computer listings.
He asked if they represent a security
hazard to us.*

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GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF RECORDS IN
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The restrictions stated below apply to the kinds or classes of accessioned records designated regardless of the record groups to which such records belong. Additional restrictions applicable to particular record groups are separately issued.

- I. Records: Records less than 75 years old of the investigation of persons or groups of persons by investigative authorities of the executive branch.

Restrictions: Information in these records will be made available only as authorized by an appropriate official of the originating agency or its successor agency.

Imposed by: The Archivist of the United States.

- II. Records: Records less than 50 years old of the following kinds that originated in any of the components of the Department of Defense: inspector general reports of investigation or of inquiry, aircraft accident reports, and records of boards of investigation, courts-martial, courts of inquiry, military commissions, and provost courts.

Restrictions: Information in these records will be made available only as authorized by an appropriate official of the originating agency or its successor agency.

Imposed by: The Archivist of the United States in conformity with the guide lines set forth in Department of Defense Directive 5400.7, June 23, 1967.

- III. Records: All documents less than 75 years old among the records of any agency of the Government that are identifiable as having originated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation or its predecessor, the Bureau of Investigation (established July 26, 1908), that include quotations from or paraphrase statements in such documents, that identify by name personnel of the Bureau, or that reveal the Bureau's sources of information.

Restrictions: Information in these records will be made available only as authorized by an appropriate official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Specified by: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Rev. 2, July 24, 1967.